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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT    SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas

**ENTERED**

January 19, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

Carol Beth Shine,

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*versus*

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Civil Action 4:21-cv-00141

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Lincoln National Life Insurance  
Company, et al.

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Notice in a Removed or Transferred Case

1. The court will set a pretrial conference in the immediate future.
2. Within 10 days of the removal or transfer, the parties must disclose their principal facts and documents. Initial disclosures may not be delayed. *See* Rule 26(a)(1)(A),(B),(C), and (D).
3. No interrogatories, requests for admission, or depositions may be set without court approval.
4. Documents must be exchanged, reviewed, and discussed with opposing counsel well before the conference.
5. A joint discovery plan is not required. Counsel must (a) master the facts, (b) ascertain the discovery needed, (c) discuss it with each other, and (d) be prepared to discuss discovery in a conference so that the court may fashion a brief, effective management plan.
6. The court will schedule additional preparation and may rule on motions pending or made at the conference.
7. To ensure full notice, each party who receives this notice must confirm that every named party – whether served – knows of the setting.
8. Failure to comply with this order may result in sanctions, including dismissal of the action, assessment of expenses, and prolonged tirades by the court.

*Lynn N. Hughes*  
United States District Judge

Judge Lynn N. Hughes

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*Procedures.* Suggestions for practice before Judge Hughes may be found at [www.txs.uscourts.gov](http://www.txs.uscourts.gov). Please read them.

*Contact.* Make case-related telephone inquiries to the case manager only. Counsel may alert the case manager to matters requiring prompt attention.

*Information.* Get information about filings, orders, or docket entries from the computer or from the clerk's office at (713) 250-5500.

*Letters.* Do not write letters or send emails. Put your message in a document with the case style.

*Emergencies.* Apply for immediate relief through the Intake Section of the Clerk's Office, 515 Rusk Avenue; (713) 250-5500.

Counsel should send a copy of emergency motions directly to the case manager so that they quickly reach the court's attention. In a genuine emergency if the case manager cannot be reached, please call the judge's secretary, Kathy Grant, at (713) 250-5900.

*Continuances.* Joint motions for continuance do not bind the court. The court will respect counsel's vacations.

*Discovery Problems.* The court will hear oral motions that affect discovery or scheduling soon as both counsel can appear in person or by telephone.